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Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band helped along road to Moscow

One of Australia's oldest and most respected pipe bands has received a \$20,000 boost from the State Government to help it achieve its ambition to perform at the International Military Tattoo in Moscow in September.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said Premier Peter Beattie had approved the funding.

Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band was one of three pipe bands selected to represent Australia at the first International Military tattoo ever staged in Moscow's Red Square.

"It's a great honour for the band Premier Peter Beattie had approved the special grant to help fund the bands' travel costs.

"The Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band was formed in 1909 and is the second oldest pipe band in Queensland," Ms Nolan said.

"The band has an impressive list of achievements. It represented Australia in the New Zealand Pipe Band Championships for the last three years and was crowned New Zealand champion in 2005.

The State Government is providing \$20,000 to help the Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band